



America's Voices on Border Security
**Americans Voice Their Strong Support for the House
Approach to Border Security**

In Letters to the Editor in the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Dallas Morning News*, Americans are speaking up in support of the House approach to border security. Americans across the country believe that border security should be Congress' priority.

Los Angeles Times

[The economics of the border](#)

July 11, 2006

The July 9 editorial "[Border insecurity](#)" claims that illegal alien workers are necessary to our economy. The basis for that contention is that there is a demand for their labor. What you are implying, however, is that it is up to employers, rather than society, to set labor standards in our country. With that philosophy, you should also oppose minimum-wage and child-labor laws. It is my contention that your position on illegal immigration is reactionary.

LANCE B. SJOGREN

San Pedro

As an independent thinker with liberal leanings, I have to side with securing the borders from the flood of illegals pouring across as a top priority. Yes, some industries need cheap labor. But if we are so desperate for illegals looking for work that the demand can't keep up with the supply, why are there constant issues in communities that resist having crowds of men waiting on sidewalks for day jobs? Why can't there be simultaneous efforts to improve the monitoring of expiring visas, practical and enforceable work visas, employer checks, realistic wages and a less porous border? Yes, these efforts will cost money; too bad we have to spend billions on an unwinnable war.

MARTY WILSON

Whittier

The editorial states: "The border would be secure, but at the expense of the land of the free becoming a police state." The Times also forgot to call securing the borders mean-spirited, racist and xenophobic. Hogwash! Open-border advocates always like to say they are against illegal immigration, but they always find fault with any idea that actually secures our borders.

JIM JAGIELO

West Covina

Dallas Morning News

[Letters: The immigration debate](#)

July 10, 2006

Re: "Message for the Skeptics – Broad immigration fix can satisfy all sides," Wednesday Editorials, and "Risky Bet on Immigration – House GOP leaders' stall could backfire," June 22 Editorials. Your basement is flooding. What do you do first: (1) Take a poll, (2) buy a pump, (3) plan remodeling of the basement or (4) turn off the water? The Dallas Morning News wants to publish polls. The Senate wants to buy a pump and remodel, but you can't remodel until you remove the water. How do you do that without shutting the water off? You can't even know what size pump you need if you don't know the water flow.

The House has the correct answer: Turn off the water, a position supported by both Texas senators. We need to stop illegal immigration first and enforce the laws about employing illegals. Then we can survey the number of illegals to determine the magnitude of the problem. Congress has passed seven variations on amnesty since 1986. Support the House bill and turn off the water.

Neal Watts

Richardson

Re: "Congress isn't really listening," by Ruben Navarrette Jr., Thursday Viewpoints. This headline should have read, "Congress isn't really listening to people like me with an agenda," as it is obvious that the House of Representatives is listening to the grass-roots, working-class people who make up America's backbone. The illegal immigrant issue isn't about being good neighbors, taking care of humanity, racism or xenophobia – even though the press would love to bend the debate in that direction.

The issue is the law and Americans who are tired of paying taxes for noncitizen lawbreakers to freeload. It is about the American way of life vs. foreigners who want to implement anarchy. Yes, Ruben, Congress has listened to the people.

Coy Prather

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